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TAGS: PFOR VN US

SUBJ: US/SRV MEETINGS: FLASH SUMMARY REPORT

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1. HOLBROOKE OPENED SESSION WITH EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION FOR INFORMATION ON 20 MIAS. HE THEN ADDRESSED SRV PROPOSED COMMUNIQUE, STRESSING INABILITY OF USG TO ACCEPT VIETNAMESE DEMANDS FOR AID IN POINT 2 BUT REITERATING US READINESS TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. PHAN HIEN RESPONDED BY REGRETTING WE HAD BROUGHT NOTHING NEW TO TALKS SINCE MAY SESSIONS, IN CONTRAST TO HANOI'S POSITIVE ACTION IN MAKING AVAILABLE NEW MIA INFORMATION. HE SUBSEQUENTLY ATTEMPTED IN VARIOUS WAYS TO NEGOTIATE HIS PROPOSED COMMUNIQUE, PARTICULARLY POINT 2. WE REITERATED WE COULD NOT AND WOULD NOT ACCEPT THIS POINT BUT COULD AGREE GENERALLY ON POINTS 1 (ON MIA'S) AND 3 (ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS). WE PROBED WHETHER HIEN WOULD BE WILLING TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS NOW, BUT HE MADE CLEAR THAT THERE COULD BE NO POINT 3 WITHOUT POINT 2.

2. HIEN EXPRESSED DISCOURAGEMENT WITH LACK OF PROGRESS AND INDICATED HIS CONCERN OVER HOW HE COULD EXPLAIN

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LACK OF FURTHER US STEPS AND "REJECTION" OF HIEN COMMUNIQUE TO HANOI. HE IMPLIED THAT BRINGING BACK SUCH NEWS WOULD HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON HIS ABILITY TO SPUR ADDITIONAL ACTION ON MIA'S. WE SAID WE WERE NOT DISCOURAGED WITH PROGRESS SO FAR, THAT SUCH PROGRESS MUST BE MEASURED OVER PERIOD OF LAST SEVERAL MONTHS IN WHICH WE HAVE ALREADY COME A LONG WAY, ON SUCH MATTERS

AS MIA, UN MEMBERSHIP, EASING OF TRAVEL RESTRUCTIONS,  
PROPOSED LIFTING OF TRADE EMBARGO, ETC. WE  
EMPHASIZED THAT PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY CONTINUE TO  
APPROACH ISSUE WITH GOODWILL AND DESIRE TO MOVE TOWARD  
FULL RECONCILIATION.

3. IN RESPONSE TO MENTION OF EMBARGO, HIEN MADE PITCH  
FOR LIFTING OF IT APART FROM ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS.  
HE CLAIMED EMBARGO ONLY PLACES US COMPANIES AT A  
DISADVANTAGE AND ITS RETENTION CASTS DOUBT ON US  
INTENTION TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS.

4. WE AGREED TO A NEXT MEETING WITHOUT FIXING A SPECIFIC  
TIME OR PLACE.

5. WE ALSO AGREED ON PRESS HANDLING FOLLOWING MEETING.  
THERE WERE NO PRESS CONFERENCES BY EITHER SIDE, BUT  
BOTH PRINCIPALS MADE BRIEF STATEMENTS AND ANSWERED  
A FEW QUESTIONS FROM PRESS ON SRV DEL'S DEPARTURE FROM  
EMBASSY. HIEN ANNOUNCED PROVISION OF INFORMATION ON  
20 MIA CASES, SAID HE HAD PRESENTED IN GREATER DETAIL  
SRV'S POSITION RE THREE "INTERRELATED" PROBLEMS, AND  
NOTED ATMOSPHERE OF TALKS WAS CORDIAL DESPITE  
CONTINUED DIFFERENCES. HOLBROOKE FOLLOWED WITH  
BRIEF STATEMENT NOTING AGREEMENT ON NEXT MEETING  
WITHOUT A SPECIFIED DATE OR PLACE, NOTED THAT FAMILIES  
ARE BEING INFORMED OF NEW INFORMATION ON MIA AND THAT  
THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF NAMES UNTIL  
REMAINS RETURNED AND IDENTIFIED, AND EXPRESSED

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APPRECIATION FOR THIS POSITIVE ACTION BY SRV.  
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